

## **Barbara Poppe 1947-2007**

### **Memorial Information:**

A remembrance gathering will be held outdoors at her beloved mountain home of 29 years, 7356 Magnolia Dr., Nederland, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 30. For your comfort, please wear attire appropriate to the setting.

Map provided below.



**Barbara Poppe**

It is with great sadness that the Space Environment Center (SEC) informs you of the passing of a long time employee and friend. Barbara Poppe died Tuesday, 12 June 2007 finally succumbing to the cancer that she has fought so fiercely the past 12 years. The space weather community has lost a powerful voice and tireless champion.

Barbara accomplished more working part time than those of us working a 40-hour/week and the legacy that she leaves behind is impressive. She helped create Space Weather Week, the annual meeting between users and providers of space weather services. She created many connections between SEC and it's customers including the User Notes, a monthly space weather newsletter, and the web based Subscription Service through which customers can tailor their product and service suite. She brought together the space weather vendors, a group of entrepreneurs that provide individualized services to customers. She also led the development activities for the NOAA Space Weather Scales that are used world wide. She was a one-woman force of nature. As Ernie Hildner, former SEC Director, put it so well, "her passing has left a big hole in the fabric of the universe."

As the Outreach Coordinator for SEC Barbara accomplished many important and lasting things and established connections with teachers and educators from schools and museums around the Boulder-Denver area. She established the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science Day with the Boulder Valley School District and she worked with the Denver Science Museum. She also produced the Space Weather comic books, the "Solar Fun Book", the workbook on the sun, and even had a space weather graphic put on the side of U-Haul rental vans and trucks across the country. After retiring in 2005, Barb finished a book on space weather called "Sentinels of the Sun" with her daughter, Kristen Jorden.

Barbara proudly led the Common Spaces Committee for the David Skaggs Research Center. She found the resources for the stone floor in the lobby, the tasteful furniture in public spaces and cafeteria, and the carpet and other finishing touches. She was behind the artwork on the north wall in the lobby and in the SEC Forecast Center and helped make NOAA's Boulder facility a one-of-a-kind federal lab.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Herb, her two children Kristen Jorden and Clayton Poppe, and her horses.

Barbara, who benefited from the foundation's work, wished that any contributions be made in her name to the Diana Price-Fish Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 22919, Denver, CO, 80222.

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